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This is an Information Disclosure Statement filed in accordance with 37 CFR 1.98(c), within the time specified in 37 CFR 1.97(b).

Attached is a copy of each of references cited in an Office Action, a copy of which is enclosed, issued September 12, 2003 by the German Patent Office in the counterpart German patent application No. DE 103 05 017, the right of priority of which is claimed for the present application. No English translation of the German Office Action or of any of the cited references is presently readily available. However, an English Abstract for the European application corresponding to DE9107473U is provided. All of the references relate to packages for various articles, e.g. sewing machine needles and hairpins.

A Form PTO/SB/08 identifying the seven cited references likewise is enclosed.

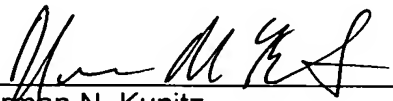
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